

should be commenced, (if the occupant refuse to remove) and as evidence produce the record showing the original grant, and establish the genealogy.

The land is not regarded valuable, and judging from appearance, I am of the same opinion. It is rough and stony. Gold has been discovered within about two miles of the tract on Gold River, but not in paying quantities. There are twelve different persons who reside on the grant with their families.

*Thirdly*, As to lot No. 21, in Block J., of the south suburbs of Halifax.

I find this lot was conveyed by deed by Simon Giffin to John Carrol, October 6th, 1759, which deed was duly recorded in Book 5, page 17, May 3, 1760.

I would further report that I found no conveyances recorded relative to any of the property owned by said Simon Giffin, except as herein stated. One gentleman, named Isaiah Bezanson, aged 72 years, informed me that about fifty years ago, two men appeared in the vicinity of the 500 acre grant, who claimed to be Giffins, who stated they intended to build on the grant. I remarked to him they were not Giffins. His reply was, "I never thought they were." After they left, he said, Phritz and Jacob Lantz claimed the land was left by the two men in their charge. The men never returned.

In Boston, Mass., I examined the old records with reference to marriages, and found in compliance with the law, requiring a publication of marriage three weeks prior to its being solemnized, the following:

"Published December 24, 1739.

SIMON GRIFFEN	}	Married by Rev. John Moorehead, January
JENNET LECUMAN.		
		21. 1739."

It will be observed there must be an error in one of the foregoing dates; either the publication should be December 24, 1738, or the marriage should be January 21, 1740. If the date given for the marriage is correct, the publication should have been December 24, 1738.